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ANNOUNCEMENT: Governor McAnear announces that the Province of the Lower Mississippi will have a luncheon at the cafeteria of the Lamar Hotel, Tuesday at 11:45 a.m.. He expects all chapters of the province and their delegations to attend.

WATCH THE HOUSTON PAPERS: The Houston Chronicle, The Houston Post, and The Houston Press all had reporters and photographers for the Convention in the Rice Hotel this (Monday) afternoon. We are proud, justly so of our fraternity, and appreciate this kind recognition. All of us will want copies of these papers to take home with us for souvenir purposes and to show "the home folks" how royally we were treated by Texas in this her Centennial year.

The Convention Chairman, W.V.O'Connell, reports having received two invitations for the National Convention of 1938. The "bids" are made by Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, and by Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky. (Kentucky wants us to come back --- another tribute to Pi Kappa Delta people.) Other invitations, if any, should be placed in the hands of Vice President O'Connell.

MISSOURI PROVINCE: Governor Cornwell asks that all members of the Missouri Province sit together for Tuesday evening's Convention Dinner. You will gather in the northwest corner of the banquet room. Also, this province will watch Wednesday's Bulletin for announcement of the place of a luncheon of the province for Wednesday.

Modern Debating---this is the title of a book by Professors Egbert Ray Nichols and Joseph H. Baccus of the University of Redlands, to be published soon by W.W. Norton & Company, Inc. The proof of the text and a dummy of the book can be seen in the Exhibit Room, Room D, the mezzanine floor. Also, in this collection is a full list of speech texts and compilations of PKD speeches. Go in and look these over.

How would you go about running off 600 individual debate contests, lining up 114 orators for five rounds of competition and grouping 129 extempore speakers for five rounds---all to be run off in four and one-half days---in such fashion that people from the same state will not meet, if possible to prevent it? Just how would you go about assigning judges for all these contests---approximately 1000---in such fashion that no judge will pass upon any single contestant more than once? We could go on with these questions, but if you want the answers, ask the Chairman of the Contests Committee, Forrest H. Rose, and his many loyal assistants how it is done! And done, bless you, with an efficiency that is bringing to these managers of the contests many expressions of gratitude and commendation. Well, it's a big show we have here. There are several ring masters, good ones! But to you judges and contestants the Bulletin tosses an orchid! You are indispensable, and you deserve the praises of gratitude. So, there!

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And who could forget the State of Arkansas, the State of Louisiana, and the State of Texas! Who would want to forget them! Nobody wants to forget and nobody will! Governor McAnear and Manager Huffor, to you and the students and coaches from your Province of the Lower Mississippi, hats off! You have given us a great and amply manifest welcome.

We only wonder how it happens that you are able to have produced, for one National Administration, Vice President Garner, Senate Leader Joe Robinson and the powerful late Huey P. Long, from the states of Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Will somebody please assure the National Council that 500 delegates will remain at the Convention and in the Rice Hotel through Friday! Gosh, they've got enough other things to take care without worrying about this, a thing which they should be able to take for granted.

Excerpt: "Coeducation has been defined as a race between the sexes, and the latest reports are that it has become a neck 'n' neck proposition." And maybe the big handsome Swede from Minnesota and that precious smile from Louisiana really meant it when they said they hoped nobody wins the race.

"Regret I can't be at the National Convention. Am busy hunting Elephants in South Dakota." Which is Congressman-prospect Karl Mundt's way of saying he is a Republican candidate for a free trip to Washington, D. C.-----He will have Pi Kappa Delta company there in the persons of Congressman George Mahon and Congressman Elmer J. Ryan, of Texas and Minnesota, respectively---both being PKD's.

Convention Bulletin "want ads" get results! Proof: "Lost, one over-night bag." Found, one over-night bag! People are honest, aren't they. The other kind is not with us in Houston.

Dr. Bernard E. Meland, Central College (Mo.) goes next year to the Department of Religion at Pomona College, Claremont, California. It's a loss for Missouri forensics, but he'll be among good folk in California. Missouri PKD will receive back into its activities the energetic John Randolph who has just received his M. A. from Vanderbilt University. He will teach English and Public Speaking at Central College.

Speaking of figures, have you seen the map in the Exhibit Room which graphically shows the 13,000 miles of debate trips which are being taken by the William Jewell College delegation? The boys traveled to the Northwest, down the West Coast stopping at the Redlands Tournament and across to Houston. The girls team will go from the National Convention through the South, have a three-day stop in Washington, D.C. and on to New York City, debating all the while, before returning to Missouri to make up their studies.

Another family affair, and how! "The two little girls in plaids" from the College of the Ozarks. Yes, they're twins and they team together in debate. Names: Mavine and Nadine Lewis. Look for them at the amateur hour, student sponsored, Tuesday night's Convention Dinner.

And didn't we get away to a swell beginning at the dinner Monday nite!

In case you want to know, we have:

Men's debate---105 teams
Women's debate- 70 teams
Men's Extemp---80
Women's Extemp-49
Men's Oratory-- 73
Women's Oratory-41

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"Ignorance of the Law is no Excuse"

All because he failed to read the CONVENTION BULLETIN, our dear friend, Leroy Laase, of the Contests Committee, narrowly escaped being jailed for leaving his car parked on the streets after midnight. The police, upon discovering Laase as he bent over the postings for contests, dismissed the case on the plea of temporary mental derangement. Delegates will beware and read the BULLETIN. It peeps while the Convention sleeps. (It is now 2:00 a.m.)

Meet our distinguished members from Emporia Teachers College, in the Exhibit Room: Harry H. Woodring, Assistant Secretary of War; William Allen White, author and editor; Alfred M. Landon, Governor of Kansas and aspirant for the Republican nomination for the Presidency; George Pflaum, past national president of Pi Kappa Delta; Thos. W. Butcher, President of Emporia Teachers, and W.V.O'Connell, Convention Chairman of this, the Houston Convention.

CONVENTION DINNERS: You'll be sorry if you don't attend all the Convention Dinners, and you'll never forgive yourself if you miss the banquet on Friday night at which we shall be addressed by Cameron Beck, Director of the New York Stock Exchange Institute.

FOUND: A sure-fire way to keep a record of the convention day to day. The three Houston newspapers are giving us valuable publicity constantly. Pictures and news stories of the PKD happenings appear regularly. Keep a scrap-book of the Houston convention. You'll prize it in the years to come.